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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Girard et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/733,878  
Filed : December 10, 2003  
For : THAP PROTEINS AS NUCLEAR  
RECEPTORS FOR  
CHEMOKINES AND ROLES IN  
TRANSCRIPTIONAL  
REGULATION, CELL  
PROLIFERATION AND CELL  
DIFFERENTIATION  
Examiner : 1632  
Group Art Unit : Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits.


**REMARKS**

Please cancel claims 81-110 and claims 140-212 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve their right to prosecute the subject matter of these claims in one or more continuing applications.

Applicants believe that no payment of fees is required with this amendment; however, if fees are deemed necessary please charge them to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,  
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